



## **Wrap Fee Program Brochure**

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## Item 2 — Material Changes

Dunham & Associates Investment Counsel, Inc. (“DAIC”) filed its annual update for fiscal year 2022 on March 24, 2023. This publication of the Wrap Fee Brochure contains highlights of the changes that have been made to this brochure since that time. Some of these items may be deemed material changes from our last filing.

- Additional Information has been updated:
  - Asset Managers Inc. is no longer an affiliate of DAIC and subsidiary of the parent company Dunham & Associates Holdings, Inc.
  - Section related to trust deeds has been updated as all Private Funds have now been liquidated.
  - DAIC in its capacity as Broker Dealer no longer recommends promissory notes issued by Dunham Holdings and/ or its affiliates.
- Services, Fees and Compensation have been updated to reflect the availability of additional allocation models in the Standard Program.
- Services, Fees and Compensation and Portfolio Manager Selection and Evaluation have been updated to add OracleDC, a proprietary, algorithmic rebalancing program that is part of the Custom Asset Allocation Program.
- Services, Fees and Compensation and Portfolio Manager Selection and Evaluation have been updated to add the Dunham Retirement Income Plan (“DRIP”).
- Additional Information has been updated to add compensation arrangements for Collateralized Lending Arrangements related to Dunham Easy Access Loans (DEAL).
- Services, Fees and Compensation have been updated to enhance the disclosures related to Cash Sweep Arrangement – Dunham Insured Deposit Marketplace (Dunham IDM).
- Addition of the Dunham U.S. Enhanced Marked Fund to the fund family line-up.
- Services, Fees and Compensation and Account Requirements and Types of Clients have been updated to reflect the changes related to the new account minimums and annual below minimum fee for the Custom Asset Allocation Program (CAAP).

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## Item 4 — Services, Fees and Compensation

### Introduction

Dunham & Associates Investment Counsel, Inc. (“DAIC”) is a private wealth management firm that offers two “wrap” programs (the “Programs”):

1. Standard Asset Allocation Program (“Standard Program”); and
2. Custom Asset Allocation Program (“Custom Program”).

DAIC has limited the fund choices available in the Programs to its proprietary family of sub-advised mutual funds (the “Dunham Funds”) with the exception of the Cash Sweep Arrangement (Dunham Insured Deposit Marketplace (“IDM”, “Bank Program”) or under certain circumstances, an unaffiliated Money Market Fund).<sup>1, 2, 3</sup> DAIC serves as investment adviser to the Dunham Funds. While new Dunham Funds may be added to the Programs, DAIC has no current plans of adding third-party funds in the future.

DAIC is primarily a manager-of-managers, and as such, recommends and monitors a third-party sub-adviser (“Sub- Adviser”) for each of the Dunham Funds.

The following chart highlights the key different features of the Standard Program and the Custom Program:

<i><b>Features</b></i>	<i><b>Standard Program</b></i>	<i><b>Custom Program</b></i>
Dunham Fund Investments	√	√
Standard Dunham Asset Allocation Models	√	√
Custom Asset Allocation Models		√
Quarterly Rebalancing	√	√
Flat Advisory Fee Option	√	√
Performance Advisory Fee Option		√
Quarterly Account Statements	√	√
Monthly Account Statement Option		√
On-Line Account Access	√	√
Qualified (Retirement) Account Minimum	\$ 5,000	\$25,000
Non-Qualified Account Minimum	\$ 10,000	\$50,000

<sup>1</sup> The Bank Program is not available for accounts participating in the Standard Program.

<sup>2</sup> Cash balances derived from the involvement in the growing, cultivation, manufacturing, distribution or sale of cannabis (also referred to as to a ‘Marijuana related business’ or “MRB”) are not eligible to participate in the Bank Program.

<sup>3</sup> Cash balances exceeding the IDM limit, which is subject to change, will be placed into a Money Market Fund.

## ***Portfolio Management Services***

DAIC – as the Program Sponsor – selects the Dunham Funds and in certain circumstances, unaffiliated money market fund(s) that are offered in the Programs. DTC, as agent for the IDM selects program banks participating in the IDM. DAIC also determines the allocations and sector weights of the core asset allocation models (“Core Allocations”). DAIC maintains a Core Fixed Income Allocation, Core Fixed Light Allocation, Core US Equity Allocation, Core Foreign Equity Allocation, Core Alternative Allocation and Core Equity Allocation that may be used to create a blend of fixed income, equity and alternative funds. A portion of the Core Fixed Income and Core Fixed Light Allocation may include equities. DAIC continually monitors the Core Allocations and adjusts them generally on a quarterly basis to reflect market conditions, performance and other factors. Clients choose from the Core Allocations and/or any combination of funds available in their selected Program or the OracleDC proprietary algorithm (“OracleDC”, “Program”), representing different asset classes, to diversify their portfolios based upon the long-term investment objectives selected by the client.

The Standard Program uses Dunham Funds Class “A” shares. For Program investors, the Class A shares’ upfront and deferred sales charges are waived. The Custom Program uses Dunham Funds Class “N” shares. Class N shares do not include upfront or deferred sales charges.

The Programs are designed to provide investment strategies appropriate for different investors. DAIC may recommend the same or substantially similar Program Core Allocations to different investors with substantially similar investment objectives. The Standard Program features seventeen Allocation models with or without a cash component. The Custom Program allows clients to invest in any combination of the funds and/or Core Allocations or the OracleDC proprietary algorithm.

Within the Core Allocation models, risk classification may range from a “capital preservation” investor at the most risk-averse end of the spectrum, to an “aggressive growth” investor with the highest relative risk appetite.

Within the OracleDC program, the client selects between four OracleDC Neutral Allocations. After investing in the selected OracleDC Neutral Allocation, it will fluctuate between the relative risk/ volatility range for the selected OracleDC Neutral Allocation. Due to the large deviation in the target allocation OracleDC can fluctuate, an investor must be willing to accept the highest risk and relative investment objective within the range the Neutral Allocation can fluctuate.

A Financial Advisor will regularly communicate with his or her client to ensure the client’s investments remain in-line with the client’s investment objectives. If the client’s objectives change, the Financial Advisor will work with DAIC to change the allocation.

Clients may place reasonable restrictions, or make reasonable modifications to existing restrictions, regarding the management of their account. Any reasonable restriction a client may wish to impose regarding the management of his or her account is subject to DAIC review and approval. DAIC will not accept any restrictions that are inconsistent with the applicable Program’s stated investment strategy or philosophy or that are inconsistent with the nature or

operation of that Program. If a client chooses to apply for or eliminate a restriction placed on the client's account, please contact an investment representative. If DAIC accepts a restriction on a client account, the account's performance may differ from similar unrestricted Program accounts.

### ***Account Statements and On-Line Access***

Program clients are sent quarterly statements, showing all transactions occurring in the account during the period covered by the account statement, all contributions and withdrawals made by a client during the period, the holdings in the account at the end of the period, all fees and expenses charged to the account including all advisory fees paid, and the value of the account at the beginning and end of the period. For the Custom Program, clients have the option to receive monthly account statements. Each Program client may access his or her account information online.

For the Custom Program, DAIC also provides requested periodic performance reports to the Financial Advisors for their clients.

### ***Death of a Program Client***

When DAIC, as the Program Sponsor, receives official notice (e.g., death certificate) that the Program client of an individual account has died, DAIC will freeze the account, no longer charge an advisory fee, and will await instructions from the executor or designated administrator of the deceased's estate. DAIC is not responsible for taking any action with respect to such account prior to its receipt of appropriate instructions, which means that DAIC will not take action in response to market fluctuations or other factors that may adversely impact the market value of the account.

Upon receipt of appropriate instructions, an account will be created to hold each beneficiary's portion. If the beneficiary wants to maintain an account, DAIC must receive the necessary account opening documents.

### ***Custody***

For the Standard Program, the Dunham Funds' transfer agent, Gemini Fund Services, LLC ("Gemini"), serves as the custodian for Funds' shares held in a client account. Client shall be solely responsible for paying all fees or charges of Gemini, including all transaction fees and trading costs if applicable. Accounts below the applicable minimums (\$5,000 for Qualified Accounts and \$10,000 for Non-Qualified Accounts) will be charged an annual \$50 below minimum fee.

For the Custom Program, Dunham Trust Company ("DTC"), an affiliate of DAIC, serves as custodian of account assets. There are no annual or establishment fees for DTC's services so long as the assets in an account at the end of each quarter exceed the applicable minimum (\$25,000 for Qualified Retirement Accounts and \$50,000 for Non-Qualified Accounts) and include only the Dunham Funds. Accounts below the minimum will be charged a \$65 annual

below minimum fee. A \$10 fee will be charged for each excess distribution (distributions in excess of twelve (12) per year unless part of a recurring systematic withdrawal). The Account termination fee is \$25. Accounts that hold other Non-Dunham Assets are subject to the Custodian's regular Custody Fee Schedule which is available upon request. Clients shall be responsible for paying any additional (non-Program) fees or charges of the custodian, including transaction fees, IRA custodial fees and trading costs, if applicable.

### ***Program Fees and Expenses***

#### **Program Fee**

As the Program Sponsor, DAIC charges each client a single service program fee ("Program Fee") covering limited discretionary investment management, brokerage and custodial services related to the Dunham Funds and the Cash Sweep Arrangement (IDM or under certain circumstances, unaffiliated money market fund(s)), shareholder servicing and distribution, and client communications. The Program Fee does not cover SEC fees, electronic fund and wire transfer fees, and any other account charges.

- *Standard Program.* The Program Fee is 0.25% of the average daily net asset value of a client account paid by the respective Fund.
- *Custom Program.* A client may choose between (a) 0.25% of the average daily net asset value of the client account if choosing an asset-based fee or (b) ½ of the performance-based fee if the client is a "qualified client" (as defined in the Investment Advisers Act).

Program Fees are not negotiable. However, DAIC reserves the right to waive a portion of a Program Fee in limited circumstances including in connection with promotional efforts.

DTC, as agent for the IDM receives a separate fee from the banks participating in the Bank Program as further described under Services, Fees and Compensation.

As with other wrap programs of this type, participation in the Program may cost a client more or less than purchasing these services separately. For example, if there is heavy trading activity in a client account and high custodial charges, the Program Fee may cost the client less than if the client purchased advisory and custodial services separately and were charged brokerage commissions for each trade. Conversely, little trading activity and low custodial fees could result in the Program Fee exceeding the cost of the services being charged separately.

The client may be able to purchase shares of the Dunham Funds offered through the Program outside of the Program directly from DAIC without paying any Program Fees on such shares (subject to any applicable sales charges). This could result in lower fees being paid by the client. However, the client would not receive all of the benefits provided by the Program.

The applicable Program Fee is calculated on the average daily balance based upon the market value of the assets in a client account, including cash balances and balances in the Cash Sweep Arrangement (IDM, or under certain circumstances money market fund shares) and,

when applicable, is prorated based on the number of days the account is managed. The Custom Program Fee shall be accrued daily and charged quarterly in arrears.

### Advisory Fee

The Financial Advisor may charge a client an asset-based advisory fee (“Advisory Fee”) up to 2.0% on an annualized basis and retain 100% of that amount. Additionally, if using the Custom Program there is a Performance Fee option for qualified clients.

The Advisory Fee shall be accrued daily and charged quarterly in arrears. Unless otherwise specified by a client in writing, the Advisory Fee shall be paid first by debiting the Advisory Fee from any cash balance. If the cash balance is insufficient to pay the entire Advisory Fee, then the remainder of the Advisory Fee shall be paid either by redeeming Fund shares on a dynamic basis, i.e., by redeeming shares of Funds necessary to return the allocation of Account assets to the client’s current target allocation percentages, or on a pro rata basis. If the Fund shares redeemed on a dynamic or pro rata basis are insufficient to pay the remainder of the Advisory Fee, then the Advisory Fee shall be paid by redeeming other Fund shares held in the Account. The redemption of Fund shares may cause a client to incur a capital gain or loss for tax purposes. To the extent all or any portion of a fee is unpaid, each client participating in the Account, will be jointly and severally liable for the entire unpaid fee or portion thereof. If in any quarter, the amount of the Advisory Fee is less than \$100, the custodian may defer deduction of the client’s Advisory Fee and the amount due will be carried forward to the next quarter, or until the date the account is terminated, whichever is earlier.

Regarding a performance-based fee for the Custom Program, a “qualified client” is defined generally as (a) a natural person having a net worth, together with assets held jointly with a spouse, of more than \$2.2 million (excluding the value of the primary residence) at the time the account is opened or (b) a natural person, after opening this account, who has total assets under management with DAIC of at least \$1.1 million. DAIC, with its Program Fee, and a client’s Financial Adviser each receive one-half of any performance fees attributable to a client’s account. The client is charged 10% of the total net increase in the market value of the account using “high-water” marks. The fee is calculated monthly and charged quarterly. As fees are calculated monthly and charged quarterly, in arrears, an account may incur a fee for a given month during the quarter even though the account value at quarter-end may be below the account value at the beginning of the quarter. DAIC provides detailed fee calculations on a quarterly basis. Clients should carefully review the fee calculation methodology described in the Program documents with their Financial Advisor.

Performance-based advisory fees paid to a Financial Advisor may be higher than the asset-based advisory fees. Accordingly, certain performance-based advisory fee arrangements can create an incentive for the Financial Advisor to recommend investments that are riskier or more speculative than those which would be recommended under a different fee arrangement. However, DAIC’s procedures are designed and implemented, in part, to ensure that all clients are treated in a fair and equitable manner over time.



### Other Fees Paid to DAIC

As investment adviser to the Dunham Funds, DAIC receives the investment advisory compensation described in the Funds' prospectuses and such fees are borne by all shareholders in the Funds, including the client. Also, as distributor of Dunham Fund shares, DAIC may receive compensation in connection with the sale of the Fund shares. DAIC may receive all or a portion of these fees. These payments can be significant.

DAIC's affiliate, DTC, makes available the following cash sweep arrangement; a Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") insured cash program, the IDM. In this program, cash in an account is automatically swept to an interest-bearing FDIC-insured deposit account, the IDM, (or under certain circumstances into unaffiliated money market mutual fund(s)). The primary sweep option associated with the Custom Program is the IDM and the secondary sweep option for the Custom Program is an unaffiliated money market mutual fund, the BlackRock FedFund. The primary and only sweep option for the Standard Program is the unaffiliated money market fund. This is due to the lower account minimums in the Standard Program and the fact that the custodian and transfer agent for the Standard Program is Gemini Fund Services, LLC ("Gemini").

For accounts that sweep cash to the IDM, a multi-bank insured cash account program offered by DTC, an affiliate of DAIC, DTC acting as the client's agent, receives a fee equal to a percentage (up to 4.00% on an annualized basis) of the average daily deposit balance in the IDM for the record keeping and administrative services it provides in connection with maintaining the Bank Program (the "Program Fee"). The Program Fee paid to DTC by the Program Banks, is applied across all IDM deposit accounts taken in the aggregate; therefore, on some accounts, fees to DTC may be higher or lower than this amount. The fees paid to DTC for its sweep program reduce the interest rate paid on the client's cash funds, and depending on the interest rate and other factors, DTC may receive a majority of the interest as fees. Individuals that serve as DAIC and DTC officers set the Program Fee, and thus DAIC and DTC directly determine how much of the total payment made by the banks DTC retains as compensation.

The fees that DTC receives from the Program Banks is in addition to the service program fee the client pays DAIC as program sponsor of the Wrap Fee Program in the Custom Program (0.25% of the average daily net asset value of the client's account if choosing an asset-based fee or ½ of the performance-based fee if the client is a "qualified client" (as defined in the Investment Advisers Act) covering shareholder servicing and distribution, client communications, limited discretionary investment management, brokerage and custodial services related to the Dunham Funds) and the advisory fee that the client pays the financial advisor. This means that DTC and its affiliate DAIC earn two types of fees on the same cash balances in the client's account, which may be higher than if the cash balance is held in a brokerage account. It is important that the client understands the difference between investment advisory services, brokerage services and fees and how they differ to select the right account type depending on the client's needs and objectives. Please refer to the Regulation Best Interest Disclosures and Client Relationship Summary for more information. The fees that DTC receives from the Program Banks are an important revenue stream and present a conflict of interest for DTC because DTC benefits financially if cash is swept into the Bank Program. Because this compensation is retained by DTC and is not shared with the client's financial advisor, it does not cause the financial advisor

to have a financial incentive to recommend that cash be held in a Deposit Account instead of holding securities in the advisory account.

For the limited set of accounts that are set up for cash to sweep to an unaffiliated money market fund, DAIC, as the Program Sponsor, has entered into an agreement with BlackRock Liquidity Funds whereby the money market fund's investment adviser pays DAIC an amount up to 0.15% (15 basis points) annually of the value of the shares of the unaffiliated money market fund(s) held in a client's account. This payment is for certain sub-accounting, recordkeeping and other administrative services DAIC provides in connection with the omnibus arrangement it has with the BlackRock Liquidity Funds.

Clients should understand that, depending on interest rates and other market factors, the yields on the IDM and unaffiliated money market fund(s) have been, and may continue in the future to be, lower than the aggregate fees and expenses received by DTC or DAIC for clients' participation in the Cash Sweep Programs. Interest rates under the IDM may be lower than the interest rates available if clients make deposits directly with a bank or other depository institution outside of the Program or invest in a money market fund or other cash equivalent. Clients should compare the terms, interest rates and other features of the IDM with other types of accounts and investments for cash.

### Rollover to IRAs

When DAIC's investment advisor(s) provide investment advice regarding a retirement plan account or individual retirement account, the associated person is a fiduciary within the meaning of Title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act ("ERISA") and/or the Internal Revenue Code section 4975(c) (1) (IRC), as applicable, which are laws governing retirement accounts ("Qualified Account"). DAIC and its investment advisor(s) who act as a fiduciary by providing investment advice for such retirement accounts are generally prohibited from receiving compensation unless in compliance with applicable prohibited transaction exemptions under ERISA or the IRC as authorized by the U.S. Department of Labor.

The way DAIC is compensated creates some conflicts of interests, so for retirement accounts, DAIC operates under a special rule that requires DAIC to act in the client's best interest and not put DAIC's or DAIC's investment advisor's interest ahead of the clients.

A conflict of interest exists to the extent that DAIC's associated person(s) recommend that a client roll over assets from a qualified employer-sponsored retirement plan ("Employer Plan") to an Individual Retirement Account ("IRA") that invests in the Programs. DAIC and its associated person(s) receive compensation as a result of a client's participation in the Programs and have a financial incentive to recommend the roll over.

When considering rolling over assets from an Employer Plan to an IRA, a client should review and consider the advantages and disadvantages of an IRA rollover from the Employer Plan. A plan participant leaving an employer typically has four options (and may engage in a combination of these options): (1) leave the money in the former employer's plan, if permitted; (2) rollover the assets to a new employer's plan (if available and rollovers are permitted); (3) rollover Employer

Plan assets to an IRA; or, (4) cash out the Employer Plan assets and pay the required taxes on the distribution. At a minimum, a client should consider fees and expenses, investment options, services, penalty-free withdrawals, protection from creditors and legal judgments, required minimum distributions, and employer stock. DAIC encourages clients to discuss their options and review the above listed considerations with an accountant, third-party administrator, investment advisor to your Employer Plan (if available), or legal counsel, to the extent necessary.

A client may face increased fees when he/she moves retirement assets from an Employer Plan to a Rollover IRA account. Even if there are no costs associated with the IRA rollover itself, there will be costs associated with account administration, investment management, or both. Investing in an IRA that invests in the Programs will typically be more expensive than an Employer Plan.

By recommending that a client rollover his/her Employer Plan assets to an IRA, DAIC will earn Program Fees and Advisory Fees. In addition to these fees, the underlying investment in the Programs, the Dunham Funds, may charge Rule 12b-1 and sub-transfer agent fees, management fees and administrative expenses, and other charges required by law. DAIC will receive a portion of these fees. These payments are significant. This has the potential to create a conflict of interest, as it will provide an incentive for DAIC to recommend the purchase of the Dunham Funds rather than other similarly situated mutual funds. While the Dunham Funds' fees are competitive, they are not meant to be low-cost investment options. Fees charged by comparable third-party funds may be lower.

As a result, DAIC has an economic incentive to encourage an individual to rollover Employer Plan assets into an IRA that invests in the Programs. In contrast, leaving assets in the Employer Plan or rolling the assets to a plan sponsored by the new employer results in no compensation to DAIC.

## **Item 5 — Account Requirements and Types of Clients**

### ***Account Requirements***

The Programs require the stated minimum account size to open and maintain an account:

<i>Account Requirements</i>	<i>Standard Program</i>	<i>Custom Program</i>
Qualified (Retirement) Account Minimum	\$ 5,000	\$25,000
Non-Qualified Account Minimum	\$ 10,000	\$50,000

For the Standard Program, accounts below the applicable minimum will be charged an annual \$50 below minimum fee.

For the Custom Program, accounts below the applicable minimum will be charged an annual \$65 below minimum fee.

Accounts will be assessed this fee on the anniversary date of the account.

These minimums may be waived at the discretion of the Program Sponsor.

### ***Types of Clients***

DAIC provides Program services to three types of clients:

- Clients of unaffiliated, independent investment advisory firms whose Financial Advisor has elected to use a Program as an investment product/vehicle;
- Direct or “private” clients of DAIC’s registered investment advisory representatives; and
- Clients of Dunham Trust Company for whom DTC is serving as trustee.

### **Item 6 — Portfolio Manager Selection and Evaluation**

DAIC utilizes a careful manager-of-managers (Sub-Adviser) approach that it believes continues to be successful in the selection of investment managers with specialized expertise in particular asset classes. DAIC uses performance-based fees (“fulcrum fees”) to compensate such Sub-Advisers, which DAIC believes best aligns the investment manager’s goals with a client’s goals.

As DAIC utilizes a manager-of-managers investment process, it does not directly decide the selection of securities or cash within a given mutual fund. Rather, it utilizes the expertise of each Dunham Fund’s Sub-Adviser, with each being uniquely knowledgeable in its respective asset class. DAIC monitors each Sub-Adviser’s investment process and results and may replace a Sub-Adviser should it find extended style drift or lacking performance (relative to both peers and the applicable benchmark). Ultimate portfolio manager discretion may vary by Sub-Adviser, within the stated investment policies and restrictions as disclosed in the Prospectus and Statement of Additional Information (SAI).

Neither DAIC nor any of its supervised persons act as a Sub-Adviser for the Dunham Funds or unaffiliated money market fund(s).

DAIC implements and manages the Program’s Core Allocation models, including revising the asset class weightings and adding and/or removing certain Dunham Funds. DAIC will be subject to competing interests that have the potential to influence its decision making with regard to selection of the Dunham Funds. For example, if one of the Dunham Funds has a higher advisory fee to DAIC than another Fund, this will provide DAIC with incentive to use the Fund with the higher fee. Likewise, the impact of any fee waivers or expense reimbursements will provide an incentive to allocate assets to Dunham Funds that lower the waiver or reimbursement obligations of DAIC. In addition, DAIC may be incentivized to recommend to Program participants to invest assets (cash) into Core Allocations, to the extent the recommendation is suitable and in the best interest of the client. Also, DAIC may believe that certain Dunham Funds may benefit from additional assets or could be harmed by redemptions. DAIC seeks to identify and address any potential conflicts in a manner that is equitable for Program participants and the Dunham Funds.

## Dunham OracleDC

DAIC offers a proprietary, algorithmic rebalancing program, the OracleDC that is part of the Custom Program.

The OracleDC algorithm is a systematic and unemotional investment strategy that generally increases equity exposure as global stock prices decrease and reduces equity exposure when global stock prices increase. With OracleDC the client, with his or her financial advisor is selecting the level of risk the client is willing to take within this strategy. There are different portfolios for different risk tolerance and investment objectives which are tailored to the clients' specific needs.

Rebalancing is initiated based on the investment criteria set forth in the investor's application and is further influenced by the OracleDC algorithm. Accounts invested in OracleDC are subject to a quarterly rebalance to its target allocation at the time based on the OracleDC Program in addition to the signals provided by the OracleDC Program at any given time.

Due to the large deviation in equity to fixed income ratio at any given time, a large deviation in equity to fixed income ratio can have significant implications for the risk and return profile of the account. Accordingly, during periods of strong market growth the account may underperform accounts that do not have the OracleDC feature. Conversely, during periods of strong market declines, the account may also be underperforming, as the account continues to decline, due to the higher exposure in equities. Similarly, if the fixed income investments underperform the equity investments, it is possible that the accounts using the OracleDC feature may underperform accounts that do not have the OracleDC feature, even though they may have adjusted the exposure to equity investment before a decline.

The Program uses simplified assumptions based primarily on historical data. The program operates within predefined parameters and rules and can make frequent purchases and redemptions at times which can result in a taxable event in the client's account and may cause undesired tax-related consequences such as wash sales.

While this approach can reduce emotional biases and enhance consistency, it limits adaptability to changing market conditions, economic considerations, or unforeseen events. Unforeseen changes in the markets or market expectations may require deviations from the Program's prescribed approach, and such adaptability may be challenging to incorporate.

While the OracleDC algorithm is programmed based on specific criteria and rules, it cannot capture certain qualitative or contextual factors that can impact investment decisions or movement in the markets. Beyond the simplistic initial assumptions used to develop the algorithm, it lacks other inputs or considerations that human judgement and discretion may be necessary to evaluate.

The program may utilize historical data, statistical analysis, and predefined rules, which may be considered simplistic and naïve to other factors that may be considered important. It does not make any predictions and may add to certain investments before they perform poorly or may divest from other investments before they perform well. There is no guarantee that any investment

strategy will meet its stated objectives. There may be economic times where all investments are unfavorable and depreciate in value. Market conditions and factors that influence investment outcomes are subject to change, and no program can fully account for all variables and events. No investment strategy or risk management technique can guarantee returns or eliminate risk in any market environment.

#### Dunham Retirement Income Plan (“DRIP”)

DAIC offers a Dunham Retirement Income Plan (“DRIP” or “Plan”). DRIP seeks to help retirees by investing principal to establish regular, inflation-adjusted withdrawals of cash during retirement. The Plan seeks to set aside a twelve-month reserve of liquid assets in the Distribution Portfolio allocated in the Dunham Insured Deposit Marketplace seeking to satisfy monthly distributions for current spending based on the client’s specific circumstances as part of the client’s overall financial plan.

The Plan invests the remaining capital to fund future spending in one or more portfolios, which can include the Feeder Portfolio and Other Portfolio(s) (Healthcare, Emergency & Legacy). These portfolios can be invested in the proprietary algorithmic rebalancing program OracleDC or any other Allocation of the Custom Program. Assets invested in the Feeder Portfolio aim to generate inflation-adjusted returns to replenish the Distribution Portfolio. DRIP was created to address risks common to those seeking retirement income, including inflation risk, market risk and longevity risk. DRIP is not an insurance product and is not guaranteed. Clients may lose money.

#### **Item 7 — Client Information Provided to Portfolio Managers**

DAIC generally does not communicate client-specific information to a Program’s portfolio management team, including Sub-Advisers of Dunham Funds.

#### **Item 8 — Client Contact with Portfolio Managers**

No restrictions are placed on a client’s ability to contact or consult with a member of their portfolio management team, including Sub-Advisers of Dunham Funds.

#### **Item 9 — Additional Information**

##### ***Disciplinary Information***

There are no legal or disciplinary events that are material to a client’s or prospective client’s evaluation of our investment advisory business or integrity of our management.

##### ***Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations***

DAIC is a dually registered Broker-Dealer and investment adviser. DAIC is a wholly owned subsidiary of the parent company Dunham & Associates Holdings, Inc. (“Dunham Holdings”) and an affiliate of DTC and Dunham & Associates Securities, Inc. (“DASI”). Jeffrey Dunham is an officer, director, and principal shareholder of Dunham Holdings. As a registered representative, Mr. Dunham does not receive directly, sales commissions from sales of the

Dunham Funds, however, DAIC may as disclosed in this brochure.

DTC is a privately held trust company licensed by the Nevada Department of Business & Industry, Financial Institutions Division. DTC provides a variety of trust and custodial services, including serving as administrator, trustee and/or investment manager of a trust. DTC generally provides investment management services through DAIC, however, may also delegate investment management to other approved Financial Advisors. A conflict of interest exists to the extent that DAIC's associated persons recommend that a client utilize the trust services provided by DTC. By recommending that a client utilize the trust services and such client agreeing or selecting DTC as trustee, DAIC may receive advisory fees and DTC will receive trustee and/or administration fees. These payments may be significant. In contrast, recommending that a client use another trust company results in no compensation to DAIC or DTC. DTC and DAIC mitigate any potential conflicts by providing adequate disclosures and other information to clients. DTC may also pay a portion of its administration fees to non-affiliated financial services firm(s). These payments relate to DTC's inclusion as a featured exhibitor on the financial services firm's wealth management platform. Clients pay no additional fees to DTC or to the Financial Advisors at these firm(s) who utilize the platform. However, these payments will create a conflict of interest by influencing the financial services firm(s) to promote DTC's trust and custodial services over another trust company. DTC also serves as custodian for certain DAIC clients.

DAIC offers a donor-advised fund to help clients with charitable giving. The Dunham Donor-Advised Fund ("Dunham DAF"), is a charitable fund that may be used for philanthropy and impact investing and is powered by University Impact ("UI"), a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit in the United States. DAIC can facilitate the opening and management of the Dunham DAF account with UI. A donor-advised fund account allows clients to contribute cash or other assets to a charitable account to realize potential, immediate tax benefits and then support their charities over time. UI charges fees to the Dunham DAF for administrative services in accordance with the Fee Schedule as outlined in the UI Donor Advised Fund Agreement ("Agreement"). Accounts are required to maintain a \$1,000 minimum balance to support investment fees as explained in the Agreement. There may be additional fees charged by the financial advisor that are separate from UI's administrative and impact investment fees. Contributions to the Dunham DAF are irrevocable contributions made to UI, a public charity.

Assets contributed to the Dunham DAF (once liquidated, if applicable) will be invested in the Dunham Asset Allocation Program sponsored by DAIC. Investment allocations may be changed according to DAIC's standard policies and procedures. UI may hold up to 5% of the Dunham DAF assets in non-interest-bearing cash at any time.

As the Program Sponsor, DAIC charges each donor a single service program fee ("Program Fee") not exceeding 0.25% of the average daily net asset value of the account. In addition, a Financial Advisor may charge a donor an asset-based advisory fee ("Advisory Fee") as specified in the Advisory Agreement.

If a Financial Advisor is no longer willing or able to advise on distributions for charitable giving and no successor Financial Advisor is named, provided that certain conditions are met, DAIC's affiliate DTC will assume responsibility for grant making as outlined in the DAF Agreement. A

conflict of interest exists to the extent that donated assets may stay longer in the Dunham DAF absent of specific instructions on file, resulting in compensation to DAIC as described above. DAIC mitigates any potential conflicts by providing adequate disclosures and other information to clients.

As investment adviser to the Dunham Funds, Dunham receives the investment advisory compensation described in the Dunham Funds' prospectuses and such fees are borne by all shareholders in the Dunham Funds, including the donor. These payments may be significant. A conflict of interest exists to the extent that DAIC's associated persons recommend that a client utilize the Dunham DAF. In contrast, recommending that a client use another donor advised fund results in no compensation to DAIC. DAIC mitigates any potential conflicts by providing adequate disclosures and other information to clients.

DASI may have previously identified proprietary opportunities to invest in securities products, either directly or through Dunham Holdings. In addition, clients of DAIC may have invested along with DASI in such securities products. As a result, DAIC or its associated persons may have access to insider information or to non-public information that is not generally available to other investors. In an effort to reduce any possible conflict of interest, Mr. Dunham is subject to a Code of Ethics and Insider Trading Policy that prevents him from using this information to his advantage. Mr. Dunham may operate in various capacities including, but not limited to, as an investment advisor recommending the purchase or sale of securities products, which poses a conflict of interest. DASI addresses this potential conflict by providing adequate disclosures.

DAIC, in its capacity as a Broker-Dealer, may have recommended that a client invest in a trust deed. DAIC previously served as investment adviser and distributor for four private funds (the "Private Funds"). The Private Funds invested in first and second trust deeds. Individuals who were also clients of DAIC may have acquired a smaller interest in a trust deed ("fractionalized trust deed") from a Private Fund in private transactions. This may have resulted in a conflict of interest because DAIC would have had to act in the best interests of both the Private Fund and the individual purchasing the fractionalized trust deed, which may have had competing interests. The Private Funds have now liquidated, however, DAIC and its affiliates (including Mr. Dunham) may have been incentivized to facilitate investment in fractionalized trust deeds in order to quicken the pace of liquidation and distributions to Asset Managers Inc. ("AMI"), a former affiliate of DAIC, or other affiliates. DAIC may have been conflicted in the following ways: (i) recommending that a client liquidate lower risk investments (such as Dunham Funds, third-party mutual funds or other assets) to raise funds to invest in the trust deed; and (ii) foregoing the opportunity to invest in an alternative trust deed or other investment that has more attractive terms (e.g., interest rate, collateralization, etc.) to the client than the trust deed. Finally, the Private Funds may have had access to insider information or non-public information that may not generally have been available to other investors about the fractionalized trust deeds. DAIC mitigated any potential conflicts by providing adequate disclosures and other information to clients.

DAIC, in its capacity as a Broker-Dealer, may recommend that a client invest in interests in limited liability companies ("LLCs") investing in real estate. Such investments are illiquid and have not been registered pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933. Prior to investing, a client must



qualify as an “qualified” investor (as defined by applicable law and rules and regulations) and acknowledge that he or she is aware of the various risk factors and conflicts associated with such an investment.

Mr. Dunham and certain related parties may in the future or currently have personally invested in a LLC they also recommend to a client. Chad Dunham and/ or Rex Dunham (Mr. Dunham’s son(s)) receive a membership interest in the LLC or a fee, which represents a percentage of the cost of purchase of the property(s) or equity raised, for identifying the property, negotiating the purchase of the property and negotiating the leases with tenants. Chad Dunham and/ or Rex Dunham also serve as Manager of the LLC and receive a management fee based on a certain percentage of the gross rents for on-going management of the property(s) and LLC. An affiliate of DAIC receives a membership interest in the LLC or a fee, representing a percentage of the cost of purchase of the property(s) or equity raised, for conducting due diligence on the property, assisting with bridge loan financing, loan servicing and resolving any issues that arise as a result. This creates a natural conflict of interest in that their personal investment will motivate them to recommend the LLC over other private placement investments they have not personally invested in but may be better suited for you. In addition, DAIC is conflicted in the following ways: (i) recommending that a client liquidate lower risk investments (such as Dunham Funds, third-party mutual funds or other assets) to raise funds to invest in the LLC; and (ii) foregoing the opportunity to invest in an alternative LLC or other investment that has more attractive terms (e.g., distributions) to the client than the LLC. DAIC mitigates any potential conflicts by providing adequate disclosures and other information to clients.

DAIC may also pay a portion of its compensation to non-affiliated registered investment advisers. This compensation varies from 5 basis points to 25 basis points and is based on the total dollar amount of client assets in the flat and performance-based fee options of the Custom Program.<sup>4</sup> Clients pay no additional fees to DAIC or to the advisors who participate in this program. However, these payments will create a conflict of interest by influencing the advisor to invest in the Custom Program over another investment.

DTC has partnered with certain bank(s) to help facilitate clients’ access to securities-based lending services collateralized by their investment accounts. Because of DTC’s arrangements with the bank(s) participating in the program, the client may be limited in its ability to negotiate the most favorable loan terms. The client is not required to use the bank(s) in DTC’s program and may work directly with other banks to negotiate loan terms or obtain other, potentially more favorable, financing arrangements. The client should understand that the interest and additional fees paid to the bank in connection with the loan are separate from and in addition to the advisory fees the client pays DAIC for its advisory services on the account.

For the existing program, DTC may receive compensation from participant bank(s) equal to 0.25% of the percentage interest earned on the outstanding loan balance.

For the streamlined, Dunham Easy Access Loans (“DEAL”) securities-based lending program,

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<sup>4</sup> For client assets in the Custom Program prior to October 1, 2019, the compensation is based **only** on the total dollar amount in the performance-based fee option.

beginning upon the earlier of i) the date on which the total aggregate outstanding balance of all referred loans is \$10,000,000 or ii) the date that is 12 months from the date the first loan is approved, the participating bank(s) pays DTC a quarterly referral fee equal to the sum of the daily referral fee for each day during the calendar quarter for which the fee calculation is made. The daily referral fee is the total aggregate balance of referred loans outstanding as of the close of business of the applicable day multiplied by 0.15% (the “Fee Rate”) divided by 365.

The receipt of compensation poses a conflict of interest for DTC because DTC has a financial incentive for the client to participate in the program, rather than working directly with other banks. However, DTC does not share this compensation with financial advisors, and therefore, an advisor does not have a financial incentive for the client to select the lines of credit through the program.

DAIC and the financial advisor(s) have an interest in continuing to receive investment advisory fees, which gives DAIC and the advisor(s) an incentive to recommend that the client borrows money rather than liquidate some of its assets in the Asset Allocation Program. This incentive creates a conflict of interest for DAIC and the advisors when advising clients seeking to access funds on whether they should liquidate assets or instead hold their securities investments and utilize a line of credit secured by assets in their account.

Because the financial advisor(s) are compensated through advisory fees paid on the client’s account and DAIC receives a Program Fee, DAIC and the advisor(s) also have an interest in managing an account serving as collateral for a loan in a manner that will preserve sufficient collateral value to support the loan and avoid a bank call. This may present a conflict of interest with the client because it could incentivize DAIC and the advisor(s) to invest in more conservative, lower performing investments to maintain the stability of the account. DTC and DAIC mitigate any potential conflicts by providing adequate disclosures and other information to the client.

### ***Code of Ethics, Participation or Interest in Client Transactions and Personal Trading***

DAIC takes issues of regulatory compliance, fiduciary responsibility and public trust seriously. DAIC seeks the highest standards of ethics and conduct in all of its business relationships. DAIC’s Code of Ethics (“Code”) seeks to deter wrongdoing and (1) promote compliance with applicable governmental laws, rules and regulations, (2) provide standards of honest and ethical conduct, including ethical handling of actual or apparent conflicts of interest, (3) require all access persons to promptly report for review, personal transactions and holdings, (4) facilitate prompt internal reporting of violations of this Code, and (5) providing accountability for adherence to this Code. DAIC will provide a copy of our full Code to any client or prospective client upon request.

No employee or registered personnel of DAIC or its affiliates shall take action with regard to securities for themselves, DAIC, or any client account unless they are certain that the information in their possession is available to the investing public.

The Code imposes restrictions on the purchase or sale by access persons of securities for their own accounts and accounts in which he/she has a beneficial interest. Subject to the Code, certain

employees of DAIC may recommend to clients the discretionary purchase or sale of securities in which DAIC's employees may have a beneficial interest. The Code includes preclearance of personal trades, blackout restrictions, and reporting requirements.

In addition, the Code prohibits employees from investing in initial public offerings and limits their ability to invest in private placements by requiring the preapproval of the Chief Compliance Officer. Finally, all DAIC access persons must certify annually their acknowledgment of and adherence to the Code and DAIC's policy on insider trading.

### ***Review of Accounts***

DAIC's Program accounts are reviewed on a periodic basis, but no less frequently than annually. The Core Allocations are implemented similarly across all accounts with like investment objectives. Equity/fixed income/cash ratios are reviewed regularly and adjusted when appropriate. Any change in a client's financial or personal situation that affects investment objectives or cash flow needs will trigger additional reviews.

Clients receive monthly or quarterly account statements which include current valuation of assets. Gain/loss statements are provided annually for Custom Program taxable accounts. In the Custom Program, Financial Advisors may request special reports (i.e. performance reviews) to be delivered on a regular basis or as needed or may access such information themselves on the Dunham Portal. Clients may also access account information via the DAIC and/or transfer agent website.

### ***Client Referrals and Other Compensation***

DAIC enters into solicitor agreements with non-affiliated third parties ("Solicitors") from time to time, who refer investment advisory clients to DAIC ("Referral Services"). Compensation is either based on a percentage of (i) the annual account balance; or (ii) the fees earned and received, both paid quarterly. Because of this cash compensation, the Solicitors and/ or their personnel may be incentivized to endorse DAIC or provide testimonials, which may create a conflict of interest. The Solicitors are required to provide prospective clients with the Solicitor's disclosure statement (orally or in writing). The Solicitor's statement will disclose the particulars of the referral relationship and the compensation DAIC will pay to the Solicitor.

DTC enters into referral agreements with Broker-Dealers, Registered Investment Advisers, CPAs or other professionals ("Financial Professionals") for the referral of potential clients for trust services. In all cases there will be a written agreement between DTC and the Financial Professionals making the referral which shall stipulate the compensation payable, and the activities permitted, among other specifics. In addition, associated persons at DAIC generally receive between \$500 and \$5,000, and potentially additional compensation based on the estimated annual fees for account referrals over a certain fee threshold, subject to the annual compensation plan, for each trust they help establish at DTC for clients of these Financial Professionals. This creates a conflict of interest, as it provides an incentive for both the associated persons at DAIC and the Financial Professionals to recommend DTC rather than another trust company. DTC mitigates any potential conflicts by providing adequate disclosures

and other information to clients.

DAIC as TAMP program sponsor from time to time pays compensation to unaffiliated financial advisors as a result of the client's participation in the program. This compensation includes a portion of the advisory fee and other compensation, such as business entertainment, financial advisor support, bonuses, or other things of value offered by DAIC to the advisor. For example, this may include additional marketing payments to unaffiliated RIAs, its employees and or/ advisors to cover fees to attend conferences or reimbursement of client events or advertising, marketing. The amount of this compensation may be more or less than what the advisor would receive if the client participated in programs of other investment advisors or paid separately for investment advice. Therefore, in such case, the advisor has a financial incentive to recommend Dunham over other TAMP programs and services.

### ***Financial Information***

DAIC does not require the prepayment of fees six months or more in advance. DAIC has never been the subject of a bankruptcy petition and there is no condition that is reasonably likely to impair our ability to meet contractual commitments to clients.

Neither DAIC, nor any of its investment professionals are registered as or have an application pending to register as a futures commission merchant, commodity pool operator, a commodity trading adviser or have any association with the foregoing entities.